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## WHAT IS THE ONE THING ALBERTA NEEDS MOST TO-DAY?

The Gateway has planned a symposium in answer to this question and hopes to present short articles contributed by men prominent in public life of the province. This week we present an article by:

### DR. M. C. COSTELLO, MAYOR OF CALGARY,

I have been asked to prepare a short treatise on "the one thing" which, in my opinion, Alberta needs most today. To my mind the one great thing which Alberta needs and from which the greatest good to the greatest number will result, is a healthful spirit of **Co-operation**.

But before treating with my subject may I be permitted a few words of introduction.

It having fallen to my lot to grow up, as it were, with the Province of Alberta, I have had ample opportunity, in private and public life, to watch with interest the remarkable development, all along substantial lines which has taken place over this entire Province and more particularly of late years. This development has been general, the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western sections of the Province sharing almost in the same ratio.

The Province of Alberta, to my mind, on account of its vast and varied natural resources, as yet only in the primary stages of development, is destined to become one of the greatest component parts of the Dominion of Canada and in fact of the British Empire. Time alone will prove this, but in the meantime it behoves us, one and all, to prepare for the time of the coming of Alberta's heyday.

This can best be accomplished by the united efforts of Government authorities, Municipal authorities, Industrial, Agricultural and Business interests throughout the entire Province, in a common healthful spirit of co-operation.

We all realize the magnitude of the work which must be undertaken at the termination of the present war in providing for the men who have sacrificed themselves so nobly for their King and Country and who may be spared to return to us. In addition to this Canada will undoubtedly, when conditions have again assumed their normal stage, experience a remarkable period of development and I ask how can this best be cared for than by stimulating throughout the length and breadth of the Province this healthful spirit of co-operation.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

### Members of the Legislature, Guests of the Students.

The annual event which took place on Thursday evening was a very happy affair, members of the faculty and non-resident students also being present to welcome the guests. President Tory presided and after dinner proposed the only toast of the evening—"To the King." In calling on Miss McCrimmon to extend the welcome of the students, President Tory said that this was perhaps the first occasion in a Canadian University when a lady was President of the Student body. Miss McCrimmon extended the hearty welcome of all the students to the guests and then speaking as a woman student thanked the Legislative Assembly for the franchise granted to women, which showed they evidently expected them to occupy more prominent positions in the province. She looked forward to the time when women would find places on the Faculty, Senate and Board of Governors of this University and thanked them for the Course in Domestic Science and Ladies Residence (yet to be provided for women students). Premier Sifton in reply stated that the Legislators had enunciated the principle of equality between the men and women of Alberta, but "apparently from what we hear tonight, equality isn't enough." He predicted the time when women would compose many of the school boards of the province. Mr. Michener also made a neat reply in which he referred to the amount of the right material in sight and the high aspirations of Alberta women and wondered how long it would be before the Premier of Alberta would be a woman. The Hon. Duncan Marshall welcomed the hinted entry of women into the study of agriculture,—where they will learn something practical, and mentioned that a young lady graduate of this university was already making good progress in one of the Schools of Agriculture (and that in spite of the handicap of a degree). He advised agricultural students to return to the farm after graduation, for the most successful agricultural experts were successful farmers with scientific training. The Hon. J. R. Boyle invited the students to visit the Legislature and hear lectures in the 'faculty of political economy.' Mr. Hillcocks, of Calgary, urged the students to boost our own university which for its age could compare favorably with any on the continent. The public should be more appreciative and if necessary, be made support it so that the time will come when any one in the province could secure higher education, even if he hadn't a dollar. Dean Howes and Mr. Gaetz made a few remarks on behalf of the faculty, Dean Howes concluding with a story from his fund of funny ones. Thus closed a pleasant evening when in the atmosphere of the university the guests laid aside the problems of politics and in a happy vein mingled with the students—the coming men and women of the future, Alberta's heyday.

With next issue of The Gateway, the weekly publication will cease for this term. We hope to make more definite announcement next week as to arrangements to 'carry on' the News-Letter Service to the men overseas.

Agricultural interests, the development of our natural resources, Business interests, Trade and Commerce, will unquestionably evolve upon a larger and more substantial scale of development. How then can we better provide for this and care for it in the years to come than by one and all uniting in the one thing that Alberta needs most, **CO-OPERATION**.

(Signed) M. C. COSTELLO



## ROBERTSON COLLEGE

This week particulars have been received from Lieut. G. E. Patterson, concerning the death of Pte. J. S. Kerr, the third Robertson Student dead on the field of honor.. He was shot through the head by a sniper, while on sentry duty on the front observation line.

The day before he had been over through the 49th Batt. lines looking for Patterson, but unfortunately had failed to find him. He lies buried in the little graveyard behind the lines of his battalion, and in this respect, says Patterson is more fortunate than many whose bodies are buried only by shells;

Of the three men from Robertson who have been killed in action, J. S. Kerr spent the shortest time among us, being but one session in Residence, and yet, perhaps, no student in the same length of time made more memorable impression on us then did he.

From the first day he entered he made friends with every body and his nature bonhomie won for him friends wherever he went. He never waited for introductions and he never seemed to require any. His was that open ardent heart that made the conventional

formalities of our Society seem a ridiculous thing. His ready wit and his impertubable good nature were an open sesame into any company he choosed to go. He knew every body who was worth knowing either in Politics, Law or the Church, and with his remarkable faculty for conversation could, in a few minutes, strike up an acquaintance with dignitaries the bend of whose eye doth awe the Romans.

As a student he showed promise of marked ability and with application, no doubt he would speedly have made good in his chosen profession. But now the fair hopes are buried, like so much else that is dear, with all that is mortal of him in Flanders fields. But all is not mortal and all is not buried. Writing from the trenches, one who knew him well says simply "he had the greatness of soul to face the music". This is all the tribute J. S. Kerr would ask, and what more could be given. Whatever was good of him, and there was much, lives on among us and that simple freshness of love he possessed will go marching on enriching ever the lives of those made nobler by its presence.

### Lieut. Markle's News Letter

Continued from p. 8, col. 4.)

Strathcona Military Hospital. It speaks eloquently for the spirit dominating both the Hospital Commission and the city officials, that such a well equipped and comfortable building has been obtained. Every comfort is available and the staff is excellent. I am the first officer-patient and as yet the only one. Should any of you, at any time, come back in need of this institution, I assure you that the process of spoiling adopted in this place, is the most complete that I have yet found. Amongst the many good things we enjoy in this hospital, are the Tuesday evening concerts, which have been chiefly, perhaps wholly engineered by Dr. Sheldon, chairman of the Military Y. committee, I believe Miss Clara May Bell has been untiring in this work. She, like many another Varsity girl is a real soldier's girl—always giving, sometimes pleasure, sometimes tears.

War looks pretty tough, while actually engaged in fighting, although the excitement and gamble of it make it seem like a tremendous game; but let one lie in bed for nearly five months, viewing it in perspective and a new and deeper aspect will begin to be

apparent. By thinking back, one can realize that out of the chaotic striving for supremacy and the tumult of losses and gains, there has come back amongst us, a tremendous revival of that almost forgotten element, viz, fellow-feeling. It will make itself felt more intensely among all peoples as the war goes on until when the war shall end, surely, there shall no longer be men against women and children, nor yet man against man. To have served in this war will be considered, in years to come, to have helped to bring about this desirable change. It is scarcely likely that I shall be able to join you again out there; so I send in future my fellow-feeling for you all through the medium of the Comfort Club.

I must think about closing, but before I do, I want to tell you how genuine and how lacking in wordy sentiment, is the pride which Varsity feels for you, her men in khaki. The satisfaction that this knowledge gives to you, I know, can scarcely be realized by the proud men and women who claim you. Almost, I might say, your "friendships" have become "kinships".

If any of you get hurt, I hope you get only blighties.

Yours with a handshake,

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Lieutenant.

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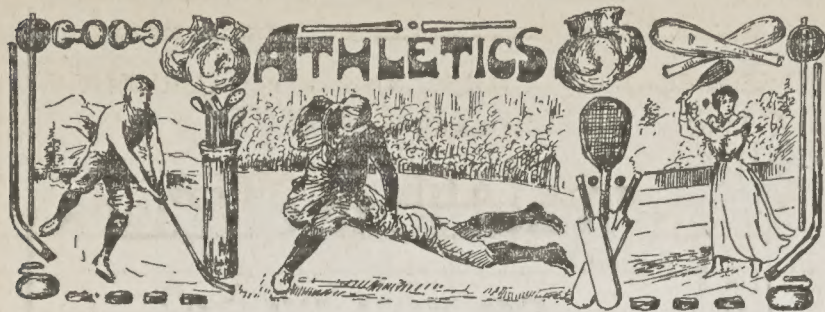
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On Saturday evening last an athletic night was held in the gym. for the benefit of the Comfort Club and resulted in a financial as well as artistic success. The women's basket-ball team defeated Camrose Normal by 27-8 in a contest which even if slightly one-sided was undeniably interesting. Our "Champeens" then met a bunch of the old timers from the Y and the result was sad to tell. The ancients polished up the maple with our youths by 51-32 and at that missed a lot of easy chances. This is but one more undeniable proof that those who claim that any of our present team are of senior caliber are whispering into their chapeaux. It is the intention of the Athletic executive to hold another of these affairs before the end of the season and we would ask you when that date is announced to keep it open. There will be two fast basketball games and an entirely new programme of stunts so you are at least assured of the worth of your two pieces, as as a friend of ours once called them.

In passing it might be noted that the present fine showing of the women's basket-ball is due to the work of Mr. Race as coach. Taking over the squad when about all they could beat was, as Diogenes has it, an egg, he has piloted them through the City League thus far without a defeat. A successful coach is a find at any time but one who can work such changes in a few weeks is a jewel beyond price.

As was prophesied in this column last week our Rifle Club representatives were successful in their return match with the 19th Alberta Dragoons. Though the margin was but one of two points in sixteen hundred and two it was sufficient to show who was who. As soon as our boys become accustomed to match work however we look for team scores of from 900 to 950. The material is undeniably here to do it.

The hockey team have been in two engagements this week and emerged with that dear old 500 still undamaged. In the first encounter they were defeated by Scona High 6-4 in a hair-raising battle. During the opening period the home-brews evidently had one of their well known lethargic spasms as the score was 4-0 against them. In the last frame however they came to life

and played rings round the South siders. The latter just had enough to stand off defeat and not a great deal more.

The second contest was with McDougall High and our representatives copped by 3-2. It was a most listless encounter owing to soft ice and better aquatic abilities enabled us to grab off the long end.

The Athletic banquet will be held in the near future and you are reminded that it is your duty to be present. Even if the only athletics you indulge in are the near Portuguese variety it would be unwise to miss this. The Field Day badges and any other prizes will be presented on that occasion and all in all "a very pleasant and enjoyable time" will be had.

#### GATEWAIL

Prof. in Chemistry (Thinking of cinematograph and not being able to recall it). "What do you call those moving pictures anyhow?"

Robert Gr-tz. (Waking suddenly from a profound slumber). "The Bijou".

From the above one would deduce that Robert has been seeing life as she is. It must have been one of the ladies Bob and Red G-tz were conversing with at the McDonald last Sunday of whom the poet said: "He kissed her rather suddenly Surprising her you see.

But strange to say she didn't flinch.

Just said, "That's one on me." While speaking of ladies one is obliged to note that many of our more staid and elderly boys have been stepping out" lately and rather putting the younger members in the shade. Should any of them by any chance choose a Red Deer as the object of their affections we would recommend a study of the latest song "Out of the Cradle Into My Heart." As you were, as you were, no talking in the ranks.

The following gem was sent in by one who styles himself "the best of the Big Three". While as verse it may leave something to be desired as cold hard truth it is a winner.

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I thought that you were forgotten  
So I went and rough-noused  
your lair.

And when you got home  
To rest your weary dome  
You knew you got more than  
your share".

For the information of the public in general we may say that the other members of the Big Three are J. F. Bl-ck and V-ll-tt-. Any who have a grudge against the author of the above lines will now know whom to beat up.

The word "hash" in the above reminds us that one of the fresh approached us last week and casually remarked that it wouldn't be long till Hash Wed-

nesday. He is not one of us now having been as the tombstones say "called home". He met a quick and painless end at the hand of three first years meds (names deleted by censor) who sold the corpus to one of the best know of our med sophs for two packages of Wrigleys and a ticket to the Pan. The way of the transgressor is hard.

A. D. Mc. our w. k. hair-lip almost started a riot with two Arts and an Aggie the other evening. A. D. was relating a thrilling story of a dream he had had. "And then", he said, "I thought I saw F-st-r come into the room and go out again. As soon

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### EDITORIAL.

Dr. Tory's lecture on Education and the War.—Of the whole student body only four thought it worth while to come to this lecture the other evening. The Philosophical Society is not proud of the students, and apparently the students are not proud of the Philosophical Society. They surely do not plead that the subject did not attract them, for education will doubtless be the profession of a great many of them. It must mean that our students do not look forward to taking their place in the administration of educational affairs but are content the prospect of the "dreary drip of dilatory demonstration" (to paraphrase Lord Salisbury's famous alliteration) which is the daily round of a teacher's life. They missed a great deal and the discussion with its contrast of the scientific and the classical point of view was well worth the sacrifice of a student's valuable time.

I sigh like Burns Auld Nickie Ben "O wad ye tak a thocht an' men'."

We received the above comment from the Philosophical Society. On behalf of the students we would plead that the very thing which has brought forward this discussion of education, has already had its effect upon the students, viz—the war. However we assure the students that they missed a splendid evening. Dr. Tory's lecture dealt with the educational problem of our time and in a vivid way he showed by various enlightening facts how the conditions brought about the present war focused the attention on education. He contrasted the British and German systems showing that it was always the British policy that good morals should go hand in hand with education and closed by dealing with the problem of Alberta. Then followed an animated discussion of the various phases presented, in which the faculty took part, each in defense of his own department. This could not have failed to please the students.

A recent issue of the Varsity forecasted the closing of the Toronto University, (also residences) for at least a fortnight because of coal shortage in the eastern city. Press despatches of 14th announce that both Toronto and Ottawa Universities have been forced to close. The coal famine is acute and largely due to the unprecedented car shortage on American railways which also seriously handicaps the trade of the big American cities of the east. An interesting development is the offer of an Alberta Coal Co. to supply the City of Toronto with coal. U. of A. students have reason to be thankful that Alberta's natural resources prevent similar conditions here.

Interest is growing in some parts of the United States in the Canadian winter game which American sport writers call "ice hockey". Some time ago Queen's University sent a hockey team south which was soundly defeated by Harvard. Now McGill's team have suffered defeat 4-0 at Boston by Harvard's crack team. It is pleasing to note that Americans are becoming expert at this speedy winter game of the north. But it is no disgrace for Canada's University teams to be beaten by the newer exponents of the game,—rather what was to be expected—for many of the Canadian University's best players are now engaged in a greater game, the battle for freedom overseas.



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## THE STUDENT'S ROOM

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I am at a loss to know why so many students' rooms have a promiscuous parade of nick-nacks. My only certainty is that they are not decorative. A student has greatly aided his academic discipline who has refrained from displaying on the walls of his sanctum that jumble of picture post-cards, pennants, Gibson girls, cover-pages of "Life" and the interminable array of snap-shots with which we are so familiar. Oh, yes, and the cushions.

In every case, the way to the priceless things of this world is a hard road to travel, as those of you will realize who recently heard "The Twelve Pound Look". And one of the priceless things is a quickened imagination. In this age it has become more difficult to keep the imagination quickened, because mechanical contrivances give our emotions a facile gratification. And here I commend to our debating society a discussion of the vice of the "movies", though I realize that it may be difficult to fill the part of the affirmative. But moving picture shows, pianolas, gramophone "records", Perry pictures, reproductions ad nauseam of so-called great masterpieces, (to say nothing of mountains of magazines) are part of the penalty we pay for living in an age of mechanical efficiency. Do you think that Keats could have written the sonnet "On first looking into Chapman's Homer" if he had seen "The Odyssey" at the movies? In a recent treatise on architecture I found this apposite remark: "The conditions of the study of architecture have been greatly altered, and

not entirely for the better, by photography..... These short cuts to knowledge lead to ignorance. Students who in the old days acquired their skill by laborious studies of buildings now rely on mechanical reproductions. It is as if a man hoped to acquire scholarship by the sole and incessant use of cribs and translations instead of painfully wrestling with the language itself its grammar and construction, the idiom and rhythm of its actual phrasing".

Imagination plays a much greater part in culture than we are accustomed to give to it. These tattooed walls rather hinder than help its healthy exercise, and the need for control and discipline in this respect is all the greater in this western country where we are denied the potent influences of nature, the stimulus and suggestion which come from mountain and cloud and sea; and where the gaudy and the tawdry thrust themselves persistently on us. The student's room gives excellent opportunity for such discipline. The chromatic disorder which is always glaring at him night and day is as much to be avoided as a querulous friend or a constantly sizzling radiator. That little post card, if placed on a large blank space of wall instead of competing for attraction with famous ball players, some mutt-and-jeff stuff, and a Gibson girl (or worse) may be really decorative; it may become a window through which now and then the student can look out on a piece of nature and feel spiritually refreshed. You see I am presuming that we need this spiritual refreshing for that is culture. "Without that, Monsieur, all is dry as the parched skin of an orange".

I remember once seeing a student's room beautifully decorated. A book case ran along nearly all of one wall, a piece of tapestry of simple design hung in front and on the top were placed at regular distances apart six oranges. That was all, but the effect had that faccination characteristic of the student's personality.

Expression of personality is ultimately what the matter comes to. A student comes in at the beginning of term and the handbags are emptied of all those articles which are to tease him into

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## NOTICE.

For the present, the University Barber Shop, will be open three days a week Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Remember the days.

J. P. HARKIN.





## SOLDIER'S COMFORTS CLUB

On the afternoon of Friday, 9th February, the executive of the Soldiers' Comforts Club met with the executive of the recently formed U. of A. Overseas Auxiliary, and after some deliberation, decided to unite their forces under the old name, Soldiers' Comforts Club.

The following officers were elected:

Hon. Pres. Mrs. Tory; Pres. Miss Helen Montgomery; Sec.-Treasurer and Convenor of Finance committee, Miss Jessie F. Montgomery; Convenor News Letter com. Professor W. M. Edwards; Convenor Working com., Mrs. R. J. Russell; Convenor Scrap-book com., Miss Nathalie Erdmann; Convenor Letter com., Miss Bremer; Convenor Candy com., Miss Edith Hamilton; Convenor Social com., Miss Edna Tharp.

The fee for active members is 25c., for associate members, 50c.

The first duty of the club will be, as heretofore, the sending of the weekly News Letter to the men in the trenches. Letters from the front frequently mention these letters with warm appreciation, and it is hoped that the students at home will make it financially possible to continue this service throughout the summer.

Besides the News Letter, the club proposes to send from time to time, small parcels of comforts to individuals, at whatever point of the great Empire army they may be serving. This has grown out of, and is a continuation of, the effort made at Christmas time, to send Christmas boxes to every university man on active service, and if the same hearty support that was then given is continued, it will be possible to lighten, at least in some small measure, the burden of those who are doing so much for us.

The Wauneita Room has been placed at the disposal of the club on Friday afternoons and evenings, and here the members meet each week. Work is always on hand for distribution, either to be done on the spot or to be taken home as the members choose. All who are willing to help, whether members or not, are cordially invited to come at any time after 3 o'clock, if only half an hour.

For the convenience of those who cannot come until a much later hour, especially those who are in business in the city, a light supper is served at 6 o'clock, and for this a small charge is made, sufficient to cover expenses. Those wishing to avail themselves of the supper should notify the secretary, Miss Jessie F. Montgomery, Department of Extension, University of Alberta, (Residence phone, 3091) not later than Thursday evening.

## GAITEWAIL

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as I saw who it was I looked under the pillow for my watch". The three cried as one, man which is just about what they would be, "and was it gone"? A. D. replied, "No, but it was going".

James the Janitor also registered this week with a classic of the unconscious variety. While conversing with James on the subject of the various common rooms in Athabasca he said "There are three lounges here. This little one for the ladies, that one for the gentlemen and the big one for the students". Quick Nero, the axel We are in receipt of epistles from Lieut. "Scotty"-g-lv-K-rkp-tr-ck, B-m-sh, M-nz-s, C-rb-tl- and Ward Cl-rk denying that they were the Frugeel Felix" referred to in our last. We wish to state that none of these gentlemen were even thought of in this connection. I indeed in M-nz-s case no denial is necessary as he does not even economise in regard to the numbers of the fair whom he escorts

to and from our various functions. The others evidently believe the old saw that "the best defense is a good offense".

For the benefit of the Plugger's Union we hereby announce that marks are all going to be higher this year on account of the war. I thank you.

CLARENCE

## MILITARY TRAINING.

American Universities are coming into line with courses of military education. Harvard University is asking for qualified instructors to train student volunteers. Princeton University has arranged for the immediate formation of a provisional battalion. In the University of Manitoba, owing to the unsatisfactory response to the voluntary enlistment in O. T. C. the faculty have asked the Council to make military training compulsory for all male students next year. —Ex.

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### The Student's Room

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discontent throughout the session. Soon his sentiments find expression in the display of these, and straightway his fellows get a reading of his personality from his room. Of the many recollections of such readings the most precious which I have is that of one now gone from us for ever. The walls of his room were like those of nearly every other room in Athabasca or Pembina but they gave evidence of one of the richest and most cultured souls which ever adorned this University. Grace and refinement in everything around it expressed an engaging personality. No "little thing of Corot's", no trival prints, no flashy hangings. A little exquisitely chosen pen-drawing, Holbein's austere, "Duchess of Milan", a fine little bronze figure of Leighton's over the book-case, a piece of old English pewter, a photograph of his boyhood home

at Peterborough in Ontario, and one or two portraits of those who were privileged to call Stanley Gordon Fife their friend. The sense of charm evoked by these was quite unstudied. They were the spontaneous outcome of the wide culture and sympathy which he united with splendid intellectual vigour. He had as many post-cards as would have adorned every room in the dormitory but he kept them in albums for I think he would have considered it boastful to display them. Stanley Fife had remarkably little of "brag" and very few people knew that he spent two weeks in Normandy with Maeterlinck, had enjoyed a day's curling in the company of Rudyard Kipling, and counted amongst his college acquaintances Lord Hugh Cecil and a grandson of W. E. Gladstone. How subtly everything in that room harmonized with his own winning, yet unobtrusive personality. I knew him in many phases of academic life and looked on him

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## SERVICE NEWS LETTER

from

## SOLDIERS' COMFORT CLUB

No. 46 Feb. 16, 1917.

Edited by W. Muir Edwards.

The overseas mail has been so slim this week that for the moment I will have to cease being merely a conveyor through which the news is transmitted, and do some real work. Whenever I find myself in this hopeless state I usually hie me to the other end of the building and having invaded the sacred quarters of the O.C. I endeavor to extract some inspiration from the clouds of suggestions and smoke which he can, with such ease, emit. But alas, Dr. Alexander is in the southern metropolis wrestling with "the tactical situation and the nature of the ground". We will hope for another "tell it to Reinhorn" epistle when he returns.

Last Saturday I attended the general athletic exhibition put on as a money raiser for the Comfort Club. Although I felt somewhat like a "dug-out" when I thought of the old basket-ball games and boxing tournaments which I used to attend, I really felt that the audience got the worth of their money. Your old friend Sandy Colwell who is the man behind the game this year kept things going with a viz. Ladies basket-ball, barrel-boxing, broom ball and basket-ball to finish up with made a full evening's programme.

I have enjoyed very much the active service letter which we are treated to every now and again in the Journal (edited by Miss Anne Merrill). At times I am able to locate one of the U. of A. boys and of course appreciate any channel through which news may be obtained. Here are two items culled from the letter appearing on the 10th. "Sergt. and Mrs. Lyon Barrow have moved to 181 Addison Way, Golder's Green N. W." Miss Merrill also notes a tea given by Col. and Mrs. Griesbach to the officers of the 49th and amongst those present I noted Capt. Robt. Pearson, Lieut. Beatty, Capt. Walker Taylor, all of whom are on our mailing list.

Friday's mail is just in and it is a life saver. Letters received are from A. E. Exall (Jan. 20); C. B. Wilson (Jan. 23); L. R. Mattern (Jan. 27); also a postal from Corporal E. Heywood. Heywood writes that the 143rd Bn. left February 9th for overseas.

Exall writes in part: "I have run across quite a number of the Varsity boys since leaving Montreal. Stevens was still there in his new capacity of Lieut. in the 6th Univ. Co. which post he filled with his usual great ability. Glanville, now orderly sergeant,

was at the Pats' base in Seaford, Sussex. He is still the genial Glanville who played on the Varsity rugby team. Simmonds also was there as musketry instructor. I was overjoyed to find 'Lobby' still with the Pats, after just having returned from 10 days special leave in Blighty as a reward for a particularly daring deed. I have now taken one cycle in the trenches and return again tomorrow, this time as one of a crew of a Lewis Gun. Running one of those beautiful little weapons will be my job during the great drive which will undoubtedly come off this spring. I feel now that I have a personal debt to pay these cursed Boches with their insane dreams of world domination since I lost my brother in the fierce fighting in the Somme last July, and the debt will be paid with interest at the first opportunity. If I come out of this alive it will be my greatest pride that I was there when the final blow was struck at the great European bully."

Following is part of C. B. Wilson's letter: "At present and for some months past we have been holding a part of the line where it has been very quiet. It was a very welcome change after our busy time at the Somme. However we may soon start up again and then good-bye to all the quietness."

At present the Alberta boys all seem well. Carswell is a Sgt. now. Roy Walton is with us again, but expects a transfer to another branch of the service. Leo Moore was telling me that he saw the 11th F. A. a few days ago and thought he was back again at the University of Alberta, not because the buildings are similar, but so many faces from that institution. We were delighted to have a visit from Knights who enlisted in the Cycle Corps but is now a Sgt. in the signallers in the 4th Div. I do not know which Bde. Sorry to have to report another casualty in our ranks. Pte. Aylward of whom I wrote as having been awarded the M. M. was wounded by a rifle grenade while on duty. I was sorry to miss Bill's smile around the huts but I understand it was not very serious. I have not heard whether he made 'Blighty' or not. J. W. Bainbridge has been in hospital sick, and is not with us this trip up to the trenches. His brother, Sid, I understand, is soon to be sent back to Canada."

We quote Mattern's letter in full: "I am writing you on behalf of the University boys in the 178th. The day after we arrived here in Whitley Camp, Surrey, we were put in quarantine and it has not yet been lifted. There is a rumor afloat now that 450 men are to be taken from us to reinforce the 202nd. That isn't

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definitely settled yet, however, so the 187th may stay intact for a while longer anyway. To the friends who packed the Christmas parcels I wish to tender our hearty thanks, Coming as they did when we were imprisoned, so to speak, they were doubly welcome. Brown and Good are still with us and are growing fat in the English climate. Personally I never was so cold in Alberta. When I am in my hut I am actuated by only one desire - to get near the stove. I understand that all Canadian troops are granted six days leave on landing in England. The quarantine has prevented us having that pleasure as yet. You are perhaps aware that Mrs. Mattern is in London. She has seen some of the University boys but most of them are out of the 'smoke'. I think she stands to see much more of England on this trip than I. It sounds like a pleasure trip abroad, doesn't it for a man to take his wife with him but I assure you it isn't all pleasure, though it is interesting."

The Strathcona Hospital University Campus, Feb. 15, 1917  
Dear Fellows,—

Being at last able to sit up and take notice and considerable nourishment, I have been inveigled into trying to write you all a letter, through the news column. The one condition for which I held out, has been granted;—viz, that my screed shall not be censored.

For almost three months, now, I have been within long range of Varsity's guns, and the fire has been pretty steady. Whenever I wanted an audience, there was our esteemed news-letter editor, who has acquired the art of perfect listening: when I wanted something to read, up popped Mr. Honor English of this year, who will tear himself away from his family, in spite of everything: should I want any old thing from concerts to pills, there was always the Dr. of Maths: and

finally if I had desires for flowers and fluff (and I had), there were the girls. Just while I am mentioning these alarming factors in the life of a returning soldier;—it was very appropriate for the Waunitas to give a war dance at the last non-resident concert, though I can't quite imagine the serene president of the Student's Union shrieking to the accompaniment of pom-poms. I have sworn to their pounding in the Infantry Barracks in Ypres. But I am neither serene nor President of the Student's Union.

But speaking of the Student's Union it is a true saying, fellows, that every dog has his day. Since "dog" in this case refers to ladies, I was almost tempted to put "cannines", thinking it might be more elegant and safer; but I must not be avoiding issues. There is no objection, I'm sure not a bit, to the ladies occupying all the offices, but what shall we say when the Madame President comes out in a brand new outfit of toggery, just after taking over command? If the gentleman who gave Her Eminence a 194th badge, will kindly send his name, he will be instated in the new honorary bomb-proof office, which has just been created under the new regime, viz, that of President-in-Consort to Her Excellency.

Incidents of interest are necessarily few in number in hospital, but, often, seemingly small events have a far reaching influence. One day, a very chic young lady came to see your humble servant, and in truly "Madame Défargical" style proceeded to knit, while I listened. At least, for a time, I was completely out of the running when suddenly the knitting arrived at the heel. Fellows; it was the turning point! Soon after, the sock vanished into a pocket, completely vanquished. When that sock arrives in France, remember that I warned you.

But I want to tell you about

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